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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a one-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed September 20, 2005, said period of response being extended from December 20, 2005 to January 20, 2006.

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